
BETHEL NOTES

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Serving This Sunday

Accompanist: Mary Seim

Lay Assistant: Walt Nuessle

Usher(s): Sue Hesse

Projectionist: Tim Lightbourne

Counters: Pam Dougherty and
Dena Wagner-Fosssen

Readings

Exodus 19:2-8a

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8



Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table, we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Source: Sunday's and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017 Year A

- Tom Rosenbaum and Ellen Forslund will be treating us to a special song.
- An additional offering will be received in the yellow hats in support of the MT Synod House Build.

Next Week's Events

- Bible Study Tuesday, June 19, at 6:30am at Electric City Coffee.
- The church council will meet on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place.
- Aitz Chaim will be observing Rosh Chodesh Tamuz beginning at sundown on Friday, June 23 in the Sanctuary. They will have education/Torah study in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 24 from 10am -12pm and

Upcoming Events

- Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 26 through Friday June 30 from 9am to 1:30pm.
- Pastor Steve will be out of the office on vacation from Sunday, July 2 - Friday July 7. He will be back to preach on July 9. Pastor Steve Nelson will be preaching on July 2 in his absence.
- Tuesday, July 4 the office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. The office will also be closed Monday, July 3.

Prayer Concerns

Bob Veitch (husband of LaRae) in Hospice

Nominating Committee & the Call Process and for those contemplating a call to serve on the Church Council.

Mission Freedom— for congregational participation.

For Fern Myhre as she continues her recovery at home.

For Terry Snodgrass as she recovers from a fractured leg.

For Dennis Seidler (brother of LaRae Veitch)

For healing for Patsy Brattain Berkeley as she recovers from surgery.

For the Synod House build and for the Mission Builders for construction and hospitality needs to be met and the crew and volunteers to stay safe during construction.

Prayers for God's healing for Sharon and Steve Mueller's nephew, Adam Finnegan, hospitalized with a brain aneurism in Des Moines, Iowa.

“Honor your father and mother”—this is the first commandment with a promise: “so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:2-4

May those with children feel appreciated,
May those grieving empty arms be comforted,
May those mourning and missing the ones who gave them life
be wrapped in goodness and love today.



Congratulations!

• Congratulations to Rhiannon Graybill and Kurt Beals. Rhiannon and Kurt were united in marriage at Bethel on Saturday, June 10. May God unite your hearts in peace and love, bless your home with joy and laughter, and fill your lives with hope and happiness.

• Congratulations also to Andrew Voorhees and Rebecca Dasovick.

Andrew and Rebecca were united in marriage on Friday, June 9th in Bismarck, ND. May Christ's peace, love and joy always enrich your marriage.

Mission Freedom Campaign Update:

As a reminder, the Mission Freedom Campaign is to fund and retire our mortgage. **Pledges to this specific effort are needed, because they are separate from our general fund and general stewardship campaigns.** The giving period for Mission Freedom is going to start in 2018 and will run through 2022, but we are seeking pledges today. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to help us put this obligation behind us and provide Mission Freedom for Bethel.

Goals for this Campaign:

1. Retire the Mortgage ASAP! We need approximately \$100,000/year for 5 years to accomplish this goal.
2. Have every member participate in one informational meeting to learn about the effort.
3. Increase participation vs. our last campaign – we had about 40% of giving units contribute and we are pushing for 50%+ this time. This would be 75 pledges.

As of May 30th, 2017 we have received 29 pledges. **Thank you so much for these pledges, they are so important for obtaining Mission Freedom!** As stated above, our goal for the campaign is for 50% of our giving units to contribute a pledge to the campaign. The 29 pledges received thus far represent 20% participation. That said, thanks to the generosity of the early pledgers, our monetary total stands at \$279,370 which is more than half way to our goal of \$500,000.

Pledge forms are available at church in the Narthex. Please **prayerfully** consider joining this effort and submit your pledge in the secure box located in the Narthex. Please direct any questions to Mike Kubas, Lisa Carlson, or Earl Terwilliger.

VBS News

On Sunday June 25th, seven Flathead Lake Bible Camp councilors will be arriving at Bethel Lutheran Church to lead about 35 junior councilors and staff for a week of Vacation Bible School. Bethel will be providing noon meals for the week. In planning and preparation, I have been visiting with several church members. Several have asked if they could give a financial donation to the church rather than buying or cooking something themselves. We want to make it easy and convenient for our members. By donating this way, you will receive a notation on your annual giving report for tax purposes. If you would rather cook or bake, you are welcome to do that. Soon Tami Grosenick will be publishing a list of food items

needed for the week in the Bethel on-line notes and she will have a hard copy on Sundays to assist you in any way you wish.

The Bethel accountant has stated that anyone wanting to do a financial donation should just note on the check in the "Memo" section or on the envelope with cash – VBS. We look forward to about 100 little campers learning more about Jesus in a happy and fun environment. For more information or to register you can go to <http://www.bethelmt.org/vbs.html>.

Thank you for your continued support in Bethel's Mission programs.



Family Promise Needs You....

The University of Great Falls is a hosting facility for the month of June with Family Promise. Due to unforeseen circumstances, therefore there is a shortage of staff. They are in need of evening helpers and overnight hosts. There would be a student apartment for you to stay in. For more information, please call Amanda at UGF 788-5405. Any assistance our Bethel volunteers could offer would be greatly appreciated.



Holiday office closure

The office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th. Sarah will be out of the office on July 5th so Tami will be filling in from 9am to 1pm. As a reminder, Pastor Steve will be out of the office from July 2 through July 7.



Reception in celebration of Terree Wozny

On Sunday, June 25th, we will hold a reception after worship in honor of Terre Wozny and her service to Bethel as our Ministry Coordinator.



MT Synod House Building Project Special Offering

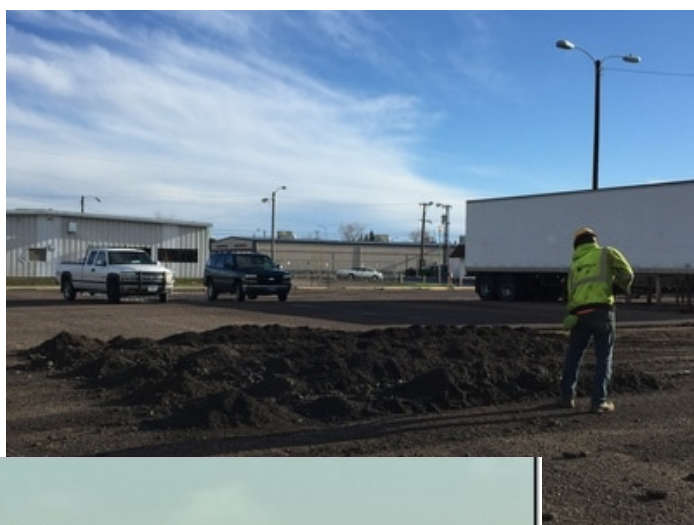
The MT. Synod of the ELCA is building a new office building. It is located at 2415 13th Ave. South, Great Falls. Stop by the site and witness the progress, but better yet, volunteer as you are able. The groundbreaking has taken place, the ELCA Mission Builders have arrived (a number of them were in worship this past Sunday at Bethel) and the construction is already nearly two weeks underway. The MT. Synod is not "them" but all of Us ~ the congregations and ministries throughout Montana and parts of Wyoming. To date, over half of the 1.2 million dollars has been given in support of the build. Bethel has been involved in building and we know what it takes to do this. Thanks to all who have donated snacks, time and talent to the building.

Some of us may be nervous about this campaign and its possible impact on Bethel's own campaign and on-going mission support. The Montana Synod supports and extends the ministry of our congregation; it doesn't compete with it! The hope is that any commitment you make to support this project are in addition to your on-going support here at Bethel.

This Sunday in worship an additional offering will be received in a yellow construction hard hat in support of the MT. Synod House Build. The Montana Synod Council members (Bethel's Lisa Carlson is among them) thanks you for joining together with your brothers and sisters in Christ across the MT. Synod and Bethel's Church Council, to worship, pray, and support this project.

If you would like to volunteer or just keep up to date with the progress, check out the Synod's website, <http://www.montanasynod.org/synod-house.html>.

Source: MT. Synod, ELCA



Opportunity To Serve

Construction of the new Synod House is underway! Consider joining the Construction Team and/or the Hospitality Team during this Summer of Glove!!

Construction Team:

- Volunteers for various construction tasks on the jobsite.
- Workdays are Tuesday – Saturday from 7:30 to 4:30.
- Coffee break and devotions at 9:30 and in the afternoon.
- Early birds join us at 7:30, late risers are welcome to join as schedules allow.
- If schedules Tuesday – Friday are already full (work), consider joining on Saturday.

Hospitality Team:

- Volunteers provide snacks for the construction team.
- Feel free to join in the devotions and breaks.
- There are opportunities to host the Mission Builders for dinner each week.
- Help prepare and serve lunch for the volunteers and Mission Builders on Saturday.

If either or both of these opportunities appeal to you, please make contact with:

Construction Team: Jim Dyess (Construction Manager) @ 713/206-6218 or Mick Davis @ 406/761-0400 or Matt Crampton @ 406/952-4516.

Hospitality Team: Pastor Anna Merritt @ amerritt@me.com or 406/836-7464

Stop by the job site and check out the progress!
The building is at the corner of 24th St. S and 13th Ave S,
just west of the Benefis Hospital



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